

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have filed the present Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in reply to the telephonic interview of November 24, 2003 initiated by the Examiner. The Applicants believe the Amendment to be fully responsive to the subject matter of the telephonic interview for reasons set forth below.


During the telephonic interview the Examiner raised an objection to Claim 74 regarding minor informalities as addressed herein. In addition, the Examiner raised a rejection to Claim 74 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. More specifically, the Examiner pointed out a lack of antecedent basis for the limitation "a set of queries query." The Examiner respectfully requested the Applicants to amend Claim 74 in light of the foregoing subject matter.

Regarding the objection to Claim 74, the Applicants have taken this opportunity to amend the filtering step and the determining step (i) in Claim 74 to remove the informalities identified by the Examiner. More specifically, the filtering step as amended now recites "filtering out pages from the full list of results corresponding to each of the third-party search engines if the pages are unavailable or no longer match the query." In addition, the determining step (i) now recites "determining a first value equal to the overlap number of pages in the filtered full list of results corresponding to each of the first and the second third-party search engines divided by the number of pages in the filtered full list of the second third-party search engine." The Applicants respectfully submit that the minor informalities identified by the Examiner have been obviated. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to Claim 74.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 74 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Applicants have also taken this opportunity to amend the forwarding step in Claim 74 to provide proper antecedent basis. More specifically, the forwarding step as amended now recites "forwarding a query to each of the plurality of third-party search engines." The Applicants respectfully submit that there is now proper antecedent basis for the term "query." Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 74 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants believe that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and henceforth respectfully solicit the allowance of the application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner to call the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,


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